

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A suspension system for motor vehicles, comprising:  
a piston-cylinder assembly of a suspension system for a motor vehicle having a working cylinder, a piston rod guidably inserted in a piston rod guide fitted to said working cylinder, a damping piston having damping valves, said damping piston being movably arranged in said working cylinder and connected to said piston rod, an enclosed envelope body provided in an equalization space, wherein a wall of said enclosed envelope is a gas-tight blocking layer having a changeable shape, ~~and~~ a connecting element held in a bore defined in said piston rod guide, a longitudinal direction of said bore being approximately parallel to a longitudinal direction of said working cylinder, a bushing defining a side of a circumferential groove in said bore, and a resilient securing ring arranged in said groove, wherein said connecting element is connected to said enclosed envelope and non-detachably inserted into ~~[[a]]~~ said bore in said piston rod guide for connecting said enclosed envelope to a flow connection, ~~said bore having a circumferential groove and a resilient securing ring in said groove,~~ said connecting element having a shoulder which is engaged by said securing ring to prevent withdrawal of said connecting element from said bore.
- 2.-3. (canceled)
4. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein said securing ring is expandable into a groove base of said groove.
5. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein said bore has an opening facing said enclosed envelope and said securing ring has an insertion slope which slopes radially outward toward said opening of said bore.
6. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 1, wherein said

~~further comprising a bushing~~ is inserted into and fixed directly to a side of said bore, said bushing defining a side of said groove.

7. (previously presented) The suspension system of claim 1, further comprising a seal arranged in said bore.

8. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 2 1, wherein a first end of said connecting element is inserted in said bore and said shoulder faces away from said first end.

9. (previously presented) The suspension system of claim 1 wherein the envelope body has an end weld, the connecting element being fixed in the end weld.

10. (previously presented) The suspension system of claim 1 wherein the securing ring is a snap ring.

11. (previously presented) The suspension system of claim 6, wherein said bore is a drilled hole, said groove being defined by said bore and said bushing.